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HINCHEY SECURES \$150,000 FOR STATE THEATRE

WASHINGTON - The Interior Appropriations Conference Committee has agreed to provide \$150,000 requested by U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) for the restoration and refurbishment of the State Theatre in Ithaca. The funding, part of the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures program, is included in the conference report that the joint House-Senate Conference Committee negotiated on Wednesday.

"The State Theatre is a wonderful architectural landmark," said Hinchey. "It's important for the federal government to contribute to the restoration of this nationally significant historic site."

Built in 1928, the State Theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is recognized by the American Institute of Architects as one of the most significant architectural landmarks in New York State, embodying the atmospheric movie palace genre in American architecture and employing the Collegiate Gothic Style. Historic Ithaca, a non-profit preservation organization, is in the process of restoring the structure for the purpose of reopening it as a premier performance venue.

"This is the catalyst that will allow us to reopen the county's largest and most architecturally stunning gathering space," said Scott Whitman, Executive Director of Historic Ithaca. "Congressman Hinchey has helped us rescue an important piece of our community's history for future generations to experience and enjoy."

Hinchey is the only New York member of the Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. The Interior Subcommittee is one of thirteen subcommittees responsible for drafting a portion of federal discretionary spending each year. Hinchey was also a member of the joint conference committee that resolved the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The conference report must next be passed by the House and Senate before being sent to the president for his signature. It is expected to be considered by the House as early as Thursday evening.